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Gingrich all but quits presidential campaign



This week, Newt Gingrich will hold events in North Carolina, New York, Delaware and Missouri as he maintains a packed 2012 campaign schedule. But the former House speaker's activity belies what is quickly becoming the certain end of his presidential bid.

Asked by "Fox News Sunday" host Brit Hume Sunday if he's resigned to the idea of Mitt Romney as the Republican nominee, Gingrich flatly agreed. "Well, I think you have to be realistic, given the size of his organization, given the number of primaries he's won. He is far and away the most

likely Republican nominee," Gingrich said, adding a preemptive endorsement. "And if he does get to 1,144 delegates, I'll support him. I'll do everything I can this fall to help him defeat Obama."

Gingrich agreed with the assertion that he's remaining in the race to influence the Republican Party.

Gingrich's presence in the race continues to rile Rick Santorum and his supporters, who have long been eager for Gingrich to drop out of the race in the hopes of encouraging conservatives to coalesce behind Santorum.

Startling discoveries at Santa Cruz dig create questions about Aruba's history

Aruba's archaeological team, headed by Raymundo Dijkhoff, announced that the dig located behind the offices of Notary Tromp in Santa Cruz is harvesting some startling revelations and mysteries to be unraveled by historians.

The unmarked burial site, which was discovered by accident when the property owners began bulldozing to build a parking lot in 2002, has yielded to date 33 graves without any sort of marker or tombstone of any kind.

Uncovered remains are a puzzle, as artifacts accompanying them indicate a diversity of techniques, from Christian burial to Amerindian traditions, complete with grave gifts, and through Carbon dating, they have been able to pinpoint at least two eras of burial, a Spanish period, 1515-1636 A.D and a colonial period from 1792 to 1924 A.D.

The earlier period particularly creates something of a mystery according to island historian Luc Alofs, as during that time, settlements east of the Hooiberg were forbidden; the land was reserved as grazing areas for cattle and there is no record of nearby settlements. Such a collection of graves would indicate the existence of a house of worship adjacent.

Presently, only 60 square meters of gravesite has been uncovered, but those working the site and Mr. Alofs are quite convinced it likely extends beyond the present parameters.

Certain Spanish artifacts, such as one of three olive jars found on the island, help to pinpoint the origins of some of the graves, as well as a silver coin, likely mined in Bolivia and minted in Peru, which was common currency of the Spanish in the Caribbean during the 1500's.

Certain distinctive characteristics of the remains indicate a number of them to be Amerindian; the fact they are buried side by side with obvi-



Historian Luc Alofs explains the significance and puzzle

ous Christian burials raises several interesting questions. DNA testing will allow those investigating the site to better pinpoint the nation of origin of each of the remains, their commercial and community status.

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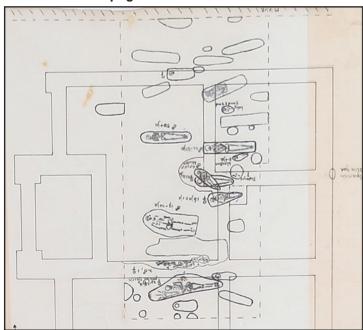
Dig team Hiram Angela, Francisco Croes, Raymundo Dijkhoff





Startling discoveries at Workshop about Night Bats Santa Cruz... Collected to protect the ba

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Remains found at the site

Quite a few of the graves are infants and young children; the scientists acknowledged that malnutrition was a common problem contributing to infant mortality at the time, which was about 11%.

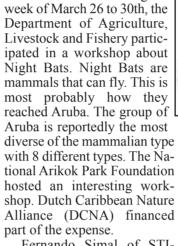
During the estimated time of burial, Aruba's churches and gravesites were administrated by the Archdiocese out of Venezuela; it is hoped by investigating their records, the mystery of this burial ground will be solved.

In the month of March, 2012, another 9 graves were

exposed, one including a woman buried with 2 children. The scientific team of Aruba's National Archaeological Museum in Oranjestad working under Raymundo Dijkhoff is Harold Kelly, Francisco Croes, and Hiram Angela.

The museum expressed their gratitude to the Ministries of Infrastructure and Culture and to Notary Tromp for their support of this project, which is hoped with shed light on some of the gaps in Aruba's recorded history.

by Rosalie Klein



Fernando Simal of STI-NAPA Bonaire and Jaffet Nasser of the Instituto Venezolano de Investigacion Cientifica (IVIC) presented the workshop.

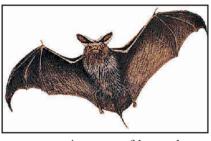
Primary objective of the workshop was to form a working group who for one year would keep a watchful eye out for bats. Initiators of the workshop are hoping to collect important basic data such as how many types are there, where are they coming from, where are they sleeping, and where are they flying to.

Bats, like many other species of nature are running the risk of becoming extinct.

Most of the danger for extinction is caused by people. The greatest danger comes from the construction of homes in natural areas where these mammals find food. Often the removal of trenches which are essential for two types of bats can contribute to their extinction from the area.

Just like the Blenchie (local bird) they fertilize or pollinate the Cadushi flowers which then become beneficial to birds and the Lagadishi (lizards) during the dry seasons.

Another threat of extinction comes from our visitors and other people who walk into the caves and disturb the habitat of bats in the most critical periods, such as during lactation. The experts believe that this is one of the reasons that there



are certain types of bats who have no adequate habitat. They are of the opinion that at one time the cave in the Colony once had a colony of bats that are no longer resident there.

Through this workshop DLVV succeeded in getting two persons well prepared to keep vigil over bats and to help determine the benefits that they bring to the area where they are. Rats are believed to eat mosquitoes as well as other night insects which could affect open air cultivation.

The National Park Foundation will be able to use data

collected to protect the bats that are residing in the Arikok Park. However, they are convinced that to effectively protect bats and all other species around the island, that are in danger of extinction, it will be necessary to established protection laws. And, to establish a department having to do with the management of nature which will single out particular critical areas for certain species. Bats, nonetheless, even with all precautions and legislation, remain very vulnerable. A single act of vandal-

DLVV was very grateful for the contributions of FPNA, STINAPA Bonaire, DCNA and IVIC with respect to the successful workshop held her.

ism can eliminate an entire

colony of bats in a single act,

simply because their habit is

always an area with a single



Food for Thought:

It takes very few muscles to smile but a whole bunch of muscles to frown and pout. So much more energy and stress is dispensed when you frown and pout. When you smile, you relax those muscles and it rejuvenates your entire biological system.

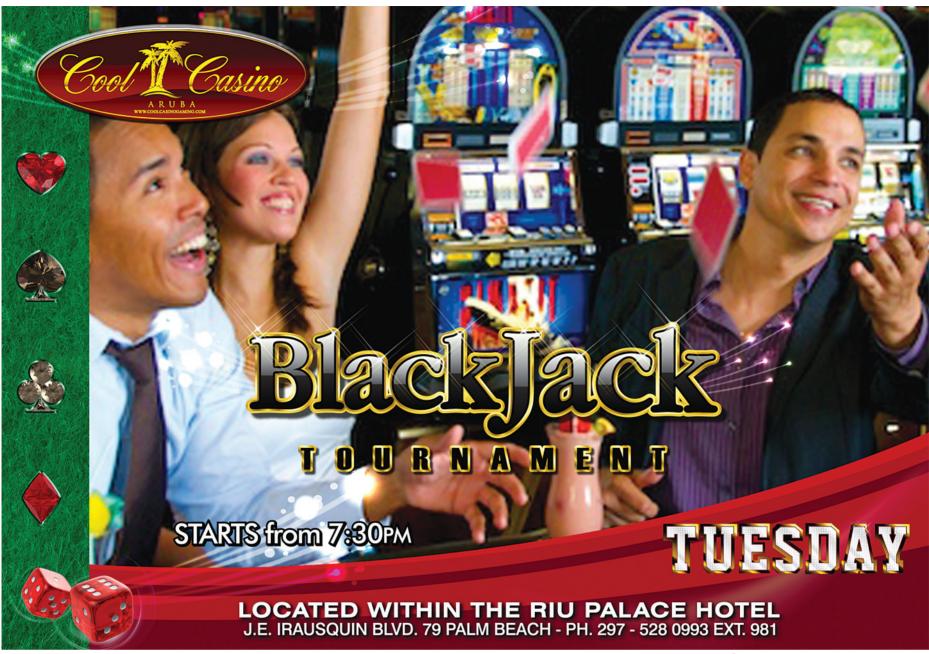
What's more, it connects you with others almost automatically and invites pleasure in others and gives you an unusual relaxed and pleasant feeling...how about changing things a bit today. No matter how you feel today....try smiling! I try to do this myself everyday and, believe me...I feel great everyday!

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Sensible reasons to really let go of your Ex – Part II

Let me continue the article which appeared in April 3rd's edition: Sensible Reasons to Let Go of your Ex!

Someone asked," Why are you writing about this subject anyway?" Well, I try to address issues that are common and current in the daily lives of our people, and there are scores of couples in our community going through the painful process of dealing with a break up in their relationship. There are an alarming number of young and older women who are dealing with the sudden loss of a partner who walked out on them for someone else, or whose partner announced that they were leaving because they feel no more love! I am writing with these people in mind!

If you're not in such a situation, you can surely learn from these articles and be of help to someone who is traveling such a painful road. In last

article, Part I, I outlined 4 of the 8 reasons to let go of your ex: You should let go to give yourself the chance to grieve, to get YOU back – find your true self again, to get back to reality and to give up sex with your ex who wants to simply continue using you and deceiving you. Here are 4 more reasons to let go of your ex:

Reason number five: to Give up Friendship! I know, it is tempting to want to "just be friends," but experience has proven that being friends right after a breakup will keep you attached to your ex and will make it very difficult for you to heal. The best way is to allow your self ample time after a breakup to distance yourself from the person...no communication whatsoever. A friendship can come later on if that's what you both want. For now, keep away from your ex all together.

Reason number six: to Gain a Positive Outlook: If you stop including your ex in your thoughts, in your daily activities, you will not have to deal with the negativity, the complaints, the ill-treatment about and from your ex and you will then be able to have a positive outlook on your day. As you let go of a relationship that went sour, you will be able to think positively!

Reason number seven: to Get up and Love again: Many women get caught up in the "he's the only one for me" syndrome. And, they conclude that if it didn't work out with him, they are doomed forever to finding true love! Let me assure you that that is a great fallacy! If he was so good for you, why is he out of your life then, why did he treat you so badly and your relationship with him is ruined?!

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Barracudas Synchronized Swimming Club receives donation from Boolchand's Digital World

Donation to assist in covering travel exprenses for top synchronized swimmers representing Aruba



Last week Friday the Barracudas Synchronized Swimming Club was very happy to receive a generous donation from Boolchand's Digital World.

Alexandra Mendoza Torres

received the envelope from Mr. Raju Melwani on behalf of Mr. Ravee Boolchand Nandwani, Managing Director of Boolchands Aruba.

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- Four ways to increase your energy level
- The five elements in relation to body, food and the environment

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Dear Sponsors / Volunteers, On behalf of the Rotary Club of Aruba we would like to thank you for your generous sponsorship and contribution to our annual fundraising event, the Fiesta Rotaria. I am writing this letter to personally thank you for the donation and support you recently made to the Rotary Club of Aruba. Your generous sponsorship and ongoing contribution is helping us to invest in important community development projects for both our younger and senior generations and to preserve our fine traditions and cultural events. Your sponsorship and contribution has enabled the entire team and everyone connected with our organization to raise funds for our community service projects. The proceedings from our fundraising events are donated to organizations such as the YMCA, Club 60+ Kibrahacha and many others. On behalf of the Rotary Club of Aruba we would like to thank you for your ongoing support and corporation. Sincerely yours, President of the Rotary Club of Aruba Francis de Windt.

The Easter Bunny ended his busy day with a welcome visit at Paseo Herencia Mall



A certain fluffy tailed varmint was spotted all over Aruba this past Easter Sunday, putting in appearances at a number of venues to hand out candies and colored eggs to appreciative little (and not so little) girls and boys. He ended his day with a spectacular welcome from youngsters and the young-at-heart at Paseo Herencia Shopping Center in Palm Beach.

Islanders and vacationers of all ages enjoyed an evening dedicated to the little ones, with an egg-painting contest, two jumping castles for them to burn off all that energy, and a reading of "The Easter Egg Hunt" by volunteers from local foundation "Bon Nochi, Drumi Dushi" (Goodnight & Sweet Dreams.) The foundation promotes love of books and literature in children at an early age by sending volunteer readers



Derrick Ridderstat winner of the under 5 group



Kayla Peterson and Shawn Lindeborg winners 6 to 8

into homes twice a week to sit with both parents and children to establish bedtime as a learning and bonding ritual.

Young dance troupe Kids to Kids provided exciting entertainment along with the ever-popular Waltzing Waters show. The night ended with big smiles from eggpainting contest winners Derrick Ridderstaat in the under-5 years

group, Kayla Peterson and Shawn Lindeborg in the 6 to 8 years group and Zoe Zimmerman, who won in the 12-yearslold-group. Paseo Herencia

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by Rosalie Klein





'Different Foods create different Moods'

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We will only have one evening course from 6.30 pm - 10.30 pm on April 14th 15th & 16th 2012 at EPI, Hospitality and Tourism Unit, Seroe Blanco z/n, Oranjestad

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Barracudas Synchronized Swimming Club ...

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This donation will be used to cover some of the travel expenses of the Barracudas Synchronized Swimming Club of Aruba's top swimming performers, who will represent Aruba abroad. The Barracudas girls that perform in the synchronized swimming selection train very hard, around some 15-20 hours per week to put in the best scores for Aruba. Upcoming performances include international synchronized swimming competitions in

Switzerland, Canada and Colombia.

Colombia.

The Barracudas Synchronized Swimming Club was founded in 1975 and houses multiple top performing teams in synchronized swimming, consisting of girls (only) ranging in age from 6 to 18. With the Barracudas being the only synchronized swimming club in Aruba, they are well known throughout the Caribbean as one of the strongest performers in the region!

Sensible reasons to really let go of your Ex

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By staying in touch with your ex, either by being just friends, or by casual phone calls, or hellos at the gym, or however, it will be like having one foot in his life and one foot in your future life. That is the best way to burn your fingers twice or to simply stay in the dark cloud of grief and defeat. You must let go altogether and be open to a new love in your life. I am a firm believer that you can always begin again...so, accept yourself as the beautiful, wonderful, special person that you are and get ready for a new beginning...a

new love. You deserve the best, so be on the lookout for the best. Don't advertise yourself, just be on the lookout!

Reason number eight: to Grow...Up: the only way you will learn from the break up experience is to shut the door on your ex. The best way to grow up is to break away clean. The break up experience should be a growth experience. Hence, you want to let go of your ex so you can grow as a person and learn from the experience. Simply put and research supports this all the

way, keeping in touch after a breakup is stupid, senseless, defeating, and the worst form of punishment you can inflict on yourself.

Get up now and begin again! Believe that God has a blessing for you that you may never have dreamed about. The very first blessing will be your new freedom from stress, worry and lack of respect. The other blessings will come as you avail yourself!

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International News

Republicans defend record with women

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Accused of waging "war against women," Republicans are fighting back, defending their record to avoid losing the battle for women's votes in November's general elections.

For weeks, Democrats have piled on criticism of their Republican foes on this issue, accusing them of neglecting women's rights by favoring conservative policies on abortion, contraception and other social concerns.

The Democratic president, who has a clear gender advantage as the face-to-face general election campaign nears, hosted a Forum on Women and the Economy at the White House on Friday in which he defended his administration's records on equal pay and flexibility in the workplace.

Women, who represent about 53 percent of the American electorate, backed Obama by 56 percent in the 2008 elections.

A recent USA Today/Gallup poll found that Obama maintains an overwhelming lead among women in the nation's top 12 battleground states, beating Romney 2-1 among women under 50 who are registered voters. Among all women voters, Obama led Romney 54-36 percent.

Faced with these alarming numbers, the Republicans are fighting back, even as a bitter nomination battle for the party's pick to challenge Obama drags on.

South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley said Romney, whom she has endorsed, has a secret weapon in his wife, Ann Romney, for connecting with women voters, and would have to answer women's concerns on the campaign trail.

Candidate Romney said his wife actually reports to him "regularly" about women's top concerns -- "the economy and getting good jobs for their kids and for themselves." The former Massachusetts governor has made rescuing the sour economy from the brink the main focus of his campaign.

Women's rights became a political lightning rod in the campaign earlier this year when conservative radio host Rush Limbaugh called a law student a "slut" for testifying in Congress in favor of mandatory coverage of contraception under health insurance programs provided by employers.

Costa Rica diplomat kidnapped in Venezuela

CARACAS (AFP) - A Costa Rican diplomat was snatched from his car in Caracas over the weekend in the latest of a rash of high profile kidnappings, Venezuelan officials said Monday.

The officials said armed assailants intercepted Guillermo Cholele vehicle in eastern Caracas late Sunday and forced him into a van.

Diplomats have been targeted before by kidnappers in one of Latin America's most dangerous capitals.

Mexico's ambassador and his wife were kidnapped and robbed earlier this year, but were ultimately released unharmed. Bolivia's military attache was also briefly kidnapped, as was the son of the Vietnamese ambassador.

Chile's consul general was shot and beaten in November, the victim of a two-hour-long "express kidnapping."

And in one of the most high

profile abductions, kidnappers late last year seized professional baseball player Wilson Ramos of America's Washington Nationals team, who also ultimately was rescued by security forces.

Kidnappings in Venezuela are lucrative and more often than not go unpunished. They are usually resolved after relatives pay a ransom to the captors.

In 2009, the most recent year for which there are official figures, there were 16,917 kidnappings in the country, although estimates by some nongovernment organizations are higher.

The government has launched a program to clean up the police and disarm the population in response to soaring crime. Venezuela's murder rate -- 48 homicides per 100,000 inhabitants in 2010 -- is nearly five times higher the global average.

\$9.2 million bail for suspects in Oklahoma shooting spree

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Bail was set at some \$9.2 million Monday for two men charged in Tulsa, Oklahoma over the weekend for a shooting spree that some in the community said bore the hallmarks of a hate crime.

The two suspects, Jake England, 19, and Alvin Watts, 32, who were taken into custody Sunday just north of Tulsa, are accused of fatally shooting three African Americans and wounding two others Friday.

Tulsa police spokesman Jason Willingham told AFP that the two suspects had a brief court hearing Monday via closed circuit television in their jail cells, where they heard the charges against them.

"The suspects appeared before the judge on video," said Willingham.

"They were given court-appointed attorneys and a court date was set for April 16," he said.

Court records showed that bail for each of the two men has been set at \$3 million for each of the three counts of first degree murder that they face. They also have each been charged with additional shooting and weapons charges.

The apparently random shootings took place a predominantly black section of Tulsa, a city with a history of deep racial tensions. Community leaders had expressed concern that more African American victims could be targeted

Local and federal authorities said they are investigating whether the shootings were racially motivated, but have

cautioned that it is too early to make that judgment yet.

A task force taking part in the manhunt following the shooting included officials from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the US Marshals Service, but law enforcement source have credited leads from the public for the speedy arrest.

The Tulsa shooting came amid another racially-charged case involving an unarmed black teen shot dead in Florida by a neighborhood watch guard in February.

Since the death of teenager Trayvon Martin, 17, there have been a number of public protests across the United States calling the arrest of the alleged shooter, volunteer neighborhood patrol leader George Zimmerman, 28, who so far remains free. Peru rebel group holding seven after dawn raid LIMA (AFP) - Suspected members of Peru's Shining Path rebel group were Monday holding seven employees of a company tied to a gas delivery firm after earlier releasing 23 other workers following a dawn raid, officials said. An armed group of rebels initially captured 30 workers from two camps in the town of Kepashiato, in southwest Cusco region, police official Ronald Bayona told reporters. The guerrilla group Shining Path have declined in power in recent years, with its top leaders either captured or killed, after a protracted conflict with the government between 1980 and 2000 that left some 70.000 people were killed. Earlier this month President Ollanta Humala claimed the group had suffered an "absolute" defeat in one of its last strongholds, after the capture of more key members.





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International News

Raging clashes ahead of Syria pullout deadline

DAMASCUS (AFP) - Clashes raged in Syria Monday ahead of a UN deadline for the regime to pull its troops out of protest hubs, with the US saying Damascus has shown no sign of sticking to a plan to end the fighting.

Tensions also rose with Syria's neighbours after crossborder shootings killed a cameraman in Lebanon and wounded three people in Turkey.

Under a peace deal brokered by UN and Arab League envoy Kofi Annan, Syria's armed forces are supposed to withdraw from protest centres early on Tuesday, with a complete end to fighting 48 hours

But the truce plan already appears in jeopardy after Damascus said it would keep its side of the bargain only if rebels gave written guarantees

they would also stop fighting. At least 105 people were killed on Monday, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said after weekend violence claimed almost 180 lives, most of them civilians.

Monday's toll included 23 members of the security forces and eight rebel fighters, while the rest were civilians, the monitor said.

Washington said Syrian

President Bashar al-Assad has shown no sign so far that his government is sticking by the peace plan.

UN leader Ban Ki-moon made a final plea for Assad to stop attacks on civilians.

On the northern border, shots fired from inside Syria wounded two Syrians and a Turkish translator in the first case of Syrian fire hitting people on Turkish soil.

State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland told reporters the United States was "absolutely outraged by today's report."

The incident -- on the eve of a visit by Annan to refugee camps -- prompted Turkey's foreign ministry to tell Syria's mission in Ankara to "immediately halt the shooting," a diplomatic source said.

Syrian Some 25,000 refugees are currently in camps in Turkey's three provinces bordering Syria, after fleeing the deadly yearlong crackdown.

Milliyet newspaper reported on Monday that Ankara would consider using troops to secure humanitarian corridors in border areas if refugee numbers rose above 50,000.

Lebanese Prime Minister Najib Mikati, whose government is dominated by pro-Syrian parties, condemned Monday's death of Lebanese television cameraman Ali Shaaban, was killed inside Lebanese territory by Syrian gunfire.

Syria's SANA state news agency said the team from Al-Jadeed television came under fire as border guards opened fire in retaliation to an attack by "terrorist groups."

China urged Syria to honour its commitments.

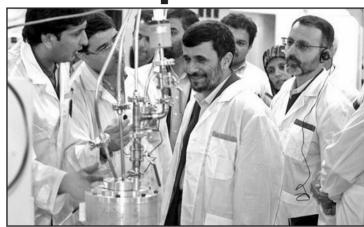
Syrian Foreign Minister Walid Muallem was due today to meet Russian counterpart Sergei Lavrov in Moscow. Russia and Beijing blocked two UN Security Council draft resolutions condemning Damascus for its bloody crackdown.

On Sunday, the Syrian foreign ministry outlined the regime's new conditions.

It said the regime was also awaiting written guarantees from the governments of Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Turkey "on stopping their funding to terrorist groups,' referring to the regime's key regional critics.

Rebel army chief Colonel Asaad countered: "We are committed to the Annan plan... We will present our guarantees and our commitments to the international community, but not to this (Syrian) regime."

World powers to hold nuclear talks with Iran on April 14



BRUSSELS (AFP) - World powers will hold a fresh round of nuclear talks with Iran in Istanbul on Saturday, a spokesman for European Union foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton said.

Iran last held talks with the so-called P5+1 powers -- permanent UN Security Council members Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States plus Germany -- in January 2011 with no results.

There had been a dispute as to whether the venue for the fresh talks should be Istanbul or Baghdad.

US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton had already announced that the talks between Tehran and the group of six powers would resume April 13-14 in Istanbul.

However Tehran had then objected to the venue, arguing that Turkey's tough line against Damascus in recent months did not make it a neutral host, and suggested Baghdad instead.

Iran did not specifically react to the dispute over the venue Monday but its foreign minister said he hoped all sides would come to the negotiating table without pre-conditions and make the fresh talks suc-

"We hope the P5+1 will come to the negotiating table with honesty, and we also will make an honest effort so that both sides reach a win-win conclusion," Ali Akbar Salehi told the Iranian parliament's website.

Both sides have sent positive signals ahead of the fresk talks, with Iran hinting it had a new offer to put on the table and reports that Washington could accept a civilian nuclear programme if Tehran could prove it was not seeking the atomic weapon.

Egged on by Israel, its chief ally in the Middle East, Washington had ratcheted up the rhetoric against the Islamic state in recent months, sparking fears of a military flare-up.

Observers hope the fresh round of talks between Iran and the five permanent members of the UN Security Council and Germany will help defuse the risk of further escalation.

Oil prices slid in Asian trade on Monday with New York's main contract. West Texas Intermediate crude for delivery in May, shedding \$1.11 to \$102.20 per barrel.



WASHINGTON - US President Barack Obama blows a whistle to start a race during during the 134th annual Easter Egg Roll on the South Lawn of the White House April 9, 2012 in Washington, DC. The First Family participated in the yearly event where the South Lawn is opened up to guests to participate in various egg rolls and other activities. President Barack Obama and his family, joined by the Easter Bunny, welcomed some 30,000 people for the annual Easter Egg Roll this year.









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the art of Grey goose bottles

Not all of us are as environmentally aware as we should be, but the new Do Good Aruba Company makes it easy. A few good friends with concerns for the enormous waste in glass bottles they saw being churned out daily by Aruba's resorts, bars and restaurants came up with a bright idea, in some instances literally, as next on their agenda of recycled art is chandeliers and lamps!

Presently, those seeking a most unique memento of Aruba should take a trip to The Village Mall any night of the week to visit their table at the "flea market" in the mall's courtyard, from 5:00 to 11:00 PM-ish. Do Good Aruba has been collecting every sort of bottle that pre-viously contained liquid refreshment, in a wide variety of colors and sizes. They have produces a vast assortment of shot glasses, beer glasses, (which you may be able to get with the logo of your favorite beer) flower vases and candleholders \ in a prices ranging from \$4 to \$26 for the larger and rarer items, and the diversity is remarkable. Each recycled glass or vase is carefully polished to remove sharp edges and carries the company's special logo "Upcycled with ♥ in Aruba." Purchases will be well wrapped for travel, if need be.

"It boggles the mind when you consider the waste," commented partner Aaron Wallisever, "we are collecting nearly 1,000 bottles a week from all around the island, and that still doesn't really touch the amount of how many are being thrown away or littering the landscape. What also surprised them was the incredible artistry invested in some of these mass produced bottles, the etched designs on Grey Goose Vodka, as an example. "It really seems a shame to throw something so beautiful away."



A wide assortment of sizes and colors

The community-minded company also extends their awareness to the needy, with a hefty portion of the profits tagged for a monthly donation to a worthwhile local foundation. "We are not really here to make a lot of money," commented Zena Neme, who mans their table nightly, "it is all about raising awareness and living up to our name-"Do Good Aruba."

For a glimpse of some of

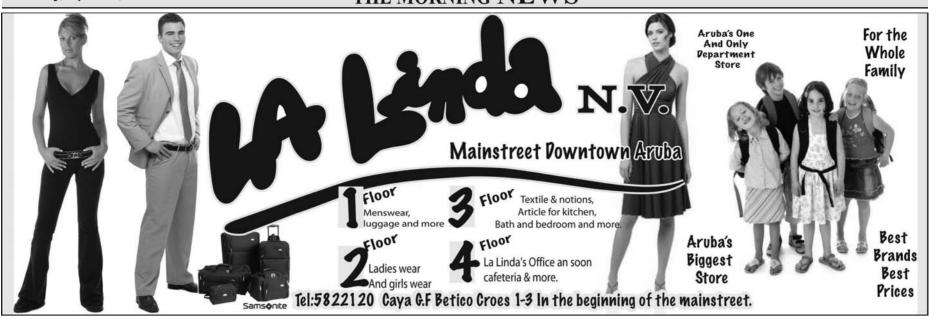
their inventory, visit the Do Good Aruba Facebook page or their table one evening; the attractive collection will provide that special and affordable souvenir that will not only make you feel good about getting something really different for the folks back home, but also doing good for the Aruban, and world, environment.

by Rosalie Klein



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Temple Beth Israel features Dr. Efrat Kedem Tahar for a talk on the Bnei Menashe "Lost Tribe of Israel"



A young member of the Bnai Menashe lost tribe

Rabbi Dr. Mario Gurevich and President of the Temple Beth Israel in Oranjestad were proud to welcome guest speaker Dr. Efrat Kedem-Tahar of the Shavei Israel organization for an interesting presentation on Tuesday evening, April 3 in the social hall of the synagogue.

Shavei Israel "Israel returns," is an organization founded by Michael Freund, reaching out to descendants of Jews around the world with the purpose of strengthening their connection with Israel and its people.

Dr. Kedem-Tahar was in the Caribbean working with Jewish groups in Cuba, and kindly gave her time to present to the Beth Israel congregation and interested community members her personal experience with the Bnei Menashe "Children of Menasseh," group of India, 9,000 people from India's North-Eastern border states of Manipur and Mizoram, who believe they are one of the Lost Tribes of Israel.

Religious Jews believe there are Ten Lost Tribes of Israel which disappeared from Biblical and historical accounts after the kingdom was destroyed around 720 BC by Assyria. It is believed this group then migrated to the Far East, intermarried, continually wandering and joining communities, until finally settling in this richly agricultural and relatively unoccupied northeastern area of India. The group's physical characteristics are Burmese and linguistically they are Tibeto-Burman, belonging to the Mizo, Kuki and Chin, terms that are considered interchangeable, defining their tribal affiliation.

There is some controversy, both political and scholarly, about their claim. However, as demonstrated by Dr. Kedem-Tahar, who traveled to Mizoram in 2005-2006 to assist in their preparation for life in Israel, their determination and dedication to returning to Judaism is fervent. They were willing to give up the communities and lives established over generations in their desire to return to what they believe is the faith of their ancestors, as well as the Holy Land of their origin. Prior to their conversion to Christianity in the 19th Century, they were animists; their legends refer to a beloved homeland that they were driven away from called Sinlung/Chhinlung.

In 1951, a Pentecostalist called Chalianthanga, from Buallawn village, had a dream that God instructed him to direct his people to return to their pre-Christian religion, which he determined to be Judaism. As his movement grew, they began petitioning Israel for aliyah –meaning "ascending"the practice of immigration back to Israel. There are many groups around the world seeking aliyah, and Rabbi Eliyahu Avichail, who was dedicated to finding the Lost Tribes of Israel, traveled to India several times during the 1980's to investigate the group and became convinced of the validity of their claim. Finally, in April of 2005, one of Israel's two chief rabbis, Rabbi Shlomo Amar, validated Bnei Menashe's claim "because of their exemplary devotion to Judaism."

A study of the group found that even though they did not have access to the Old Testament, they practiced many of the laws that govern the Jewish faith, such as circumcision. The immigration of the Bnei Menashe became predicated on their first being fully converted to Orthodox Judaism while still in India, which required a full court of orthodox rabbis to be dispatched to Mizoram and the construction of two proper Mikvahs, the ritual baths required for full conversion. Dr. Kedem-Tahar was part of the team indoctrinating the group regarding life in Israel and training them for alternative careers to the agricultural life to which they were accustomed.

Presently, 1700 Bnei Menashe have resettled in Israel usually in waves of 200 or so, and over 4000 more are waiting in India to do so. Dr. Kedem-Tahar explained that those who have successfully immigrated have demonstrated their dedication by faithfully observing the Sabbath and attending temple, serving in the Army, and learning Hebrew, which was not an easy task; they are already beginning to intermarry and mix with the

The Bnai Menashe story has generated quite some controversy in Israel, India and among scholars and politicians; there is little involving Israel that does not. The idea of independent groups around the world, many of them in remote locations and having been converted to Christianity by missionaries, embracing Judaism with fervor, and wishing to immigrate to Israel under the Law



Efrat Kedem Tahar center with Temple pres Martha Lichtenstein and Rabbi Dr. Mario Gurevich

of Return, certainly evokes reaction, whether positive or negative, from several groups, particularly when they are in such great numbers as the Bnai Menashe. Hindus of India had criticism of the situation because they frown upon proselytizing, but this is strictly against the tenants of Judaism, as well

However, the deep belief of the Bnai Menashe in their Hebrew heritage and determination to follow their faith, of their own accord, and to establish themselves in Israel, provides inspiration for groups such as Shavei, as well as the nation with an infusion of energetically faithful Jews who also contribute an interesting diversity to the population.

Dr. Efrat Kedem-Tahar has a PHD in Management from the West University of Timisoara, Romania. Since 1980, she has worked as an Expressive Arts Therapist and Psychodramatist with the Israeli Ministry of Education, been a temporary lecturer at Sapir Academy College and specialized in the Arab Sector with disabled children as well as been a consultant for Immigration, Rise and Absorption for organizations such as Shavai.

For more information about Shavai and their work, visit their website: http://www.shavei.org

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Finance

Shares, oil fall as U.S. jobs data stirs concern

NEW YORK - Global stocks and crude oil fell yesterday as investors reacted to the surprisingly sharp slowdown in U.S. jobs growth reported last week, which raised concerns about the strength of the world's largest economy.

Stocks on Wall Street and crude oil futures prices slid about 1 percent on the first trading day after the U.S. Labor Department reported the March jobs data. U.S. equity markets were closed on Friday for the Good Friday holiday.

The government reported that just 120,000 jobs were added in March, far below market expectations for 203,000 new jobs and the smallest increase since October.

Trade was light, as major markets in Europe as well as some markets in Asia, including Australia and Hong Kong, were closed yesterday.

In afternoon trade stocks pared losses, as did crude futures, while gains in safe-haven government debt were reined in, suggesting investors were starting to shrug off the jobs data.

"We have reacted to the weak unemployment numbers, and now we are shifting focus to earnings, especially the banks later in the week," said Paul Nolte, managing director of Dearborn Partners in Chicago.

The Dow Jones industrial average <.DJI> closed down 130.55 points, or 1.00 percent, at 12,929.59. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index <.SPX> fell 15.88 points, or 1.14 percent, at 1,382.20. The Nasdaq Composite Index <.IXIC> slid 33.42 points, or 1.08 percent, at 3,047.08.

MSCI's all-country world equity index <.MIWD00000PUS> slipped 0.7 percent to trade near lows last seen a month ago.

The labor market report raised concerns about whether the U.S. economy is strong enough to boost growth elsewhere in the world as Europe's

debt crisis resurfaces and worries remain about China's ability to avoid a hard landing.

China yesterday reported a jump in the annual inflation rate in March that topped expectations, rising to 3.6 percent as food prices remained volatile. But economists believe price pressures will moderate over the rest of the year, giving Beijing the flexibility to ease monetary policy to support growth.

U.S. Treasury debt prices rose, reflecting expectations that the U.S. payrolls report increased the chances of a third round of monetary easing measures by the Federal Reserve. But late in the session they trimmed most price gains.

The benchmark 10-year Treasury note was up 1/32 higher in price to yield 2.04 percent.

Trade in U.S. interest rate futures also suggested that investors were betting rates would stay low well into 2014, reflecting the Fed's view on interest rates.

Microsoft trumps Amazon, others for AOL patents

Microsoft trumped Amazon, eBay and other tech giants with its more than \$1 billion purchase of the majority of AOL Inc's patent trove.

AOL said it was selling more than 800 patents related to advertising, search, e-commerce and mobile to Redmond, Wash-based company, surprising investors with the size of the deal and sending AOL shares up more than 40 percent.

The sale includes technology rights from AOL's cur-

rent and former businesses, ranging from Netscape, ICQ and MapQuest to CompuServe, Advertising.com and others, according to a source close to the matter.

The sale process, which AOL Chief Executive Tim Armstrong described as a "full-blown dynamic auction," started last fall after board approval.

Armstrong said he made a call to Microsoft Chief Executive Steve Ballmer alerting him of the decision to sell the patents.

The auction included ecommerce companies Amazon and eBay, both of which have been largely absent from the recent patent wars, as well as Google and Facebook, according to the source.

Spokesmen for Google, Facebook, eBay and Amazon were not immediately available for comment

Technology companies in recent years have sparked a frenzy for patents, bidding up prices in a defensive move to keep competitors at bay.

The AOL deal is one of the larger patent auctions in recent times, representing roughly \$1.3 million per issued patent, according to the source.

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Facebook acquires Instagram for \$1 billion



NEW YORK -- Facebook has agreed to buy photo sharing network Instagram for \$1 billion in a combination of cash and stock, the company announced yesterday.

It's Facebook's biggest acquisition ever, in both price and reach. With around 30 million active users, Instagram has the largest audience of any startup Facebook has pur-

chased, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg said in a blog post.

"We don't plan on doing many more of these, if any at all," Zuckerberg wrote. "But providing the best photo sharing experience is one reason why so many people love Facebook and we knew it would be worth bringing these two companies together."

Brazil's Rousseff tells Obama of 'currency war' worries

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff yesterday expressed concern to President Barack Obama that the easy money policies of developed countries threaten the growth of emerging economies like Brazil.

"Such expansionist monetary policies... ultimately lead to a depreciation in the value of the currencies of developed countries, thus impairing growth outlooks in emerging countries," she said.

Brazil, the world's sixth largest economy, is suffering from an appreciation of its currency, the real, against the dollar, which the government blames on a "currency war" that has flooded the country with cheap dollars generated by easy credit.

Rousseff, making her first visit to the White House, welcomed the improving economic picture in the United States and told Obama that Washington had a key role to play "not only in containing the effects of the crisis but also in ensuring proper resumption of prosperity."

"The BRICS countries currently account for a very substantial share of economic growth worldwide," she said, referring to Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.

"But it is important to realize and bear in mind that the resumption of growth in the medium term future certainly involves a substantial resumption of growth in the US economy," she added.

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The Boardwalk's guests donate one dollar a night to the Clown Doctors





Kimberly and Stephanie Rooijakkers, owners of The Boardwalk Boutique Hotel, which is located across from the Ritz resort, have come up with a great plan to help the Clown Doctors of Aruba. They are asking their guests to donate one dollar per night to this worthwhile local charity, thus helping to pay the salaries of the expert clowns who visit the children's ward of the hospital, the elderly and the mentally challenged children on the island. As photos show, president Peter Balličre and two of his clowns turned the normally very relaxed The Boardwalk upside down during his photo shoot with Kimberly and Stephanie, thanking them for their fantastic support.

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Adorable and affordable; 5 Burgers Aruba offers an island twist to the great American Burger

Expatriates from Boston, Massachusetts, residing on Aruba, Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. Some may be quite well acquainted with a nationally known U.S franchise bearing the name "5", and patrons can expect the same great quality between the buns, but an expanded menu and Rosie and Aaron's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really unique menu.



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"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," comments Aaron; and upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

Prices vary only slightly between regular and small (basically 2 patties or 1) with specialty items such as Gouda Burger, Farmer's Burger, Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with crispy onion rings and BBQ sauce. All of these ncredible array of toppings, mushrooms, jalapeño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries, which are made from hand-cut fresh

Idaho potatoes, is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!" Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

If you are a fan of crispy friend onion rings, as we are at THE MORNING NEWS, you cannot leave there without trying their secret recipe batterdipped gourmet rings, made from fresh, not frozen onions. Unquestionably, the best we have had anywhere, and for those that like a little spice, the fried jalapeños are a real treat. Aaron and Rosie have expanded their menu to accommodate certain tastes and dietary needs; they offer a tasty grilled chicken sandwich as

5 Burgers Aruba is open for lunch & dinner – daily hours are Noon to 10-ish; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by callcan be personalized with an ing 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for the owners when things are not too busy, to sit and chat while sharing their knowledge of the island. Totally yummy and fun plus a great deal for a quality burger, they are definitely worth a visit

SPORTS

Football: Madrid face derby clash to defend lead over Barca

MADRID (AFP) - A midweek programme brings no respite to the battle for La Liga, as Barcelona entertain Getafe today while leaders Real Madrid make the short trip to city rivals Atletico on Wednesday.

With seven games remaining and a trip to the Camp Nou later this month, Madrid cannot afford any more slip-ups after a 10-point gap over their rivals has been reduced to four in less than a month.

In that period Madrid have won just two out of five, drawing three matches, while Barca have been victorious in their last nine league outings.

The Catalans came from behind to beat Zaragoza 4-1 on Saturday while 24 hours later Madrid were ineffective in attack as they drew 0-0 at home to Valencia.

Barca midfielder Thiago Alcantara was quick to send out a message to Madrid after Saturday's hard fought victory.

"Madrid will have to sweat blood to win this league," he said, as the two sides move closer to their April 21 showdown.

Barca's opponents Getafe, who sit 10th and only one point from a Europa League



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place, were the first of only two teams to defeat them this season.

That 1-0 defeat in November has only been followed by a 3-2 loss at Osasuna in February, as Barca have scored a club record 161 goals in 54 matches in all competitions.

They will be without Cesc Fabregas today after he picked up his fifth yellow card against Zaragoza, while Gerard Pique and Dani Alves are both doubts with muscular problems.

Atletico Madrid will look to do Barca a favour in Wednesday's "Madrileno" derby.

Real stretched their unbeaten streak against Atletico to 22 matches in November with a 4-1 home victory and Atletico have not managed to beat their great rivals this century. Their last win came back in 1999.

However, Atletico's Brazilian full-back Filipe Luis insisted his team can get

something out of Wednesday's contest.

The arrival of new coach Diego Simeone in the Christmas break has improved an Atletico side that finds itself in the Europa League semi-finals and still battling for European qualification next season in seventh position.

Although Atletico lost 2-0 to direct rivals Levante on Sunday, Luis believes there are still enough games to finish in a European place.

Atletico will have to do without Salvio, Mario Suarez and Joao Miranda, who are all suspended after picking up cards in Sunday's defeat.

Meanwhile leading scorer Radamel Falcao will have to recover from the virus that kept him on the bench for most of the visit to Levante.

Real captain Iker Casillas is clear that Atletico will pose another tough challenge to his side's title aspirations.

Formula One:

Teams ready to quit Bahrain GP - report



LONDON (AFP) - Formula One teams have put in place contingency plans in case the Bahrain Grand Prix is called off due to the violent unrest in the Gulf state, The Times newspaper said on Monday.

The race, scheduled for April 22, is under threat as concerns mount about human rights abuses and the fate of a protester on hunger strike for the last two months.

Hundreds of F1 engineers, mechanics and catering staff have been issued with two return tickets from Sunday's grand prix in China: one for Bahrain and one for Europe and home in case the race was cancelled, The Times said, without quoting sources.

The Bahrain Grand Prix was called off in 2011 due to the unrest that gripped the Shiite-majority state after a mid-March crackdown on protests demanding democratic reforms that would challenge the power of the Sunni Al-Khalifa ruling dynasty.

According to an independent probe, 35 people were killed in the unrest between mid-February and mid-March 2011.

Formula One supremo Bernie Ecclestone has insisted that a outbreak of fresh violence will not affect this year's race.

But the crackdown on demonstrations has continued, prompting Shiite activists to demand the race be scrapped.



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Havelange condition described as 'serious'

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - A doctor treating Joao Havelange on Monday described the condition of the ailing former world football chief as "serious."

Early Monday, the patient "showed cardiac and respiratory failure" and had to be sent back to the coronary unit, Joao Mansur Filho from Rio's Samaritano hospital said in a statement.

Last week Filho said that the 95-year-old Havelange had shown "a slight improvement" and was "breathing without the help of apparatus".

"Currently, the patient requires (respiratory and cardiac) ventilation as well as medication to control his blood pressure," the doctor said Monday.

"The intravenous antibiotic treatment continues and there is no plan for him to be discharged," he added, saying his condition was "serious."

Havelange, who was FIFA president from 1974 until 1998, had been admitted to hospital suffering from a serious infection.

Havelange is credited with turning football into the moneymaking industry it is today but resigned as a member of the International Olympic Committee after 48 years just days before an ethics hearing



into allegations of corruption.

He is also the former father-in-law of Ricardo Teixeira, who recently resigned as head of Brazilian football and as chief of Brazil's organizing committee for the 2014 World Cup following a spate of corruption allegations.

Havelange competed at two Olympic Games in 1936 in Berlin as a swimmer and then in the 1952 edition in Helsinki as a member of Brazil's water polo team.

He was also instrumental in bringing the 2016 Olympics to Rio de Janeiro and to South America for the first time when the IOC elected the city as the host in 2009 in Copenhagen.



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NBA: Knicks edge Bulls in OT to spoil Rose's return



Carmelo Anthony #7 of the New York Knicks shoots the game winning three pointer over Luol Deng #9 of the Chicago Bulls

NEW YORK (AFP) - Carmelo Anthony scored the game winning three pointer with 8.2 seconds left in overtime to lift the New York Knicks to a 100-99 win over the Chicago Bulls on Sunday.

Anthony finished with a season-high 43 points for the Knicks who blew a 21-point first quarter lead then had to rally from a 10-point deficit late in the game at Madison

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"It was a great atmosphere. That's how the Garden is supposed to be," said Anthony after the win.

"This was a playoff type game. We might play these guys in the playoffs if we keep going and getting that seed. So, this was a big statement game for us -- a big win today."

The Knicks victory spoiled the return of Bulls star Derrick Rose who finished with 29 points after missing a dozen games with a sore groin.

Anthony shot 16-of-31 from the field and made four-of-five free throws. He drained a three pointer with 11 seconds left to send the game into over-time.

Rose had a chance to win it for the Bulls but his shot at the

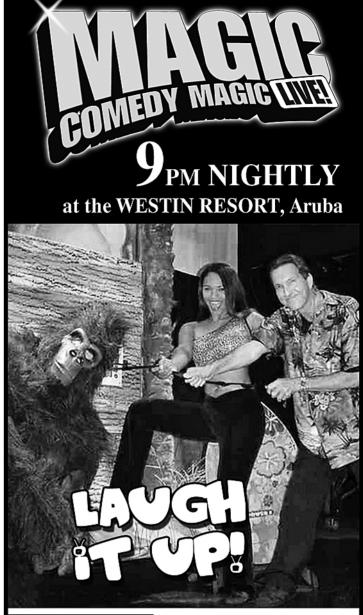
buzzer hit the rim and stayed out.

Iman Shumpert finished with 15 points and nine rebounds, while Tyson Chandler had 16 rebounds for New York, who have won two games in a row.

Carlos Boozer had 13 points and 16 rebounds for the Eastern Conference- leading Bulls, who have lost three of their last four games.

Rose had not played since March 12 when Chicago faced the same Knicks. He struggled at times in his return shooting just eight-of-26 from the field. He also had eight turnovers.

The Knicks were playing without injured starter Jeremy Lin who had surgery on Monday to repair a torn cartilage in his left knee. Lin said he hopes to begin running next week.



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Cricket: Yuvraj returns to India after cancer treatment



NEW DELHI (AFP) - India's World Cup cricket hero Yuvraj Singh returned home on Monday after receiving treatment for a cancerous tumour in the United States.

Sporting a black jacket and red baseball cap, the 30-year-old all-rounder gave thumbs up signs to well-wishers who had gathered at New Delhi airport to welcome him back.

"He is absolutely fine and will rest at home for another 10-15 days," his mother Shabnam Singh told reporters at the airport.

Left-handed Yuvraj, named man of the tournament after India's World Cup triumph at home last April, was diagnosed with a rare condition, mediastinal seminoma -- a malignant tumour between his lungs -- soon after the event.

After completing three sessions of chemotherapy in Boston in March, he had moved to London before returning to India.

"Finally the day has come! i am going home tomorrow! cant wait, excited to see my friends and family ..see you india!!," Yuvraj said on Twitter on Sunday.

Thousands of well-wishers, politicians, his team mates and other sports personalities including US cycling great Lance Armstrong had sent messages to the ailing all-

rounder who is known for his aggressive batting and disciplined spin bowling.

"Today the entire country is happy, god is happy and I am very happy. My son has come back as a winner," Yuvraj's father Yograj Singh told the NDTV news channel.

Yuvraj, who scored 362 runs and bagged 15 wickets in nine World Cup matches, has not played competitive cricket since taking part in two of the three home Tests against the West Indies in November.

He has scored 8,051 runs in 274 one-dayers and 1,775 in 37 Tests since making his international debut in 2000.



Golf: Oh baby: new daddy Watson wins the Masters



Bubba Watson (L) of the United States celebrates with his caddie Ted Scott after winning his sudden death playoff on the second playoff hole to win the 2012 Masters Tournament by one stroke at Augusta National Golf Club on April 8, 2012

AUGUSTA (AFP) - New Masters champion Bubba Watson is a new dad who doesn't know how to change a diaper, and he's hoping that his first major title and a \$1.44 million top prize might delay any lessons.

Watson parred the second sudden-death playoff hole on Sunday to defeat South Africa's Louis Oosthuizen and win the 76th Masters. Exactly 35 years after Tom Watson won at Augusta National,

there's a new Watson wearing a green jacket.

The long-hitting 33-yearold US left-hander became a father two weeks ago when he and his wife Angie, who is unable to have children, adopted a one-month-old baby boy named Caleb.

"I haven't changed a diaper yet so probably going to have to change a diaper pretty soon," Watson said. "I don't want to change a diaper. Hopefully this will give me a week or two to just watch her again. Maybe not, though."

Thoughts of his new son and his late father Gerry, who died of throat cancer in 2010, had Watson in tears on Easter Sunday, especially when embracing his mother Molly on the 10th green after the winning putt was in the hole.

Watson said that after a botched tee shot on the deciding playoff hole and an amazing recovery lob shot to set up two putts for the title, his dad would have a few things to tell him.

Before he tapped in for the victory, Watson thought of South Korean I.K. Kim's one-foot putt miss to cost her an LPGA major title at the Kraft Nabisco Championship a week ago

"I hate to say this but the young lady who missed the putt at the ladies major, that putt, I thought about it," Watson said.

Watson tried to put the long-sought major title in perspective quickly.

"Golf is not my everything," Watson said. "I'm not going to go home and pout if I would have lost. I'd think about the great times I had.

"Tomorrow there's going to be a new tournament and y'all are going to write about other people. Y'all are going to forget about me tomorrow. I'm going to have to keep living my life and do everything.

"But for me to come out here and win, it's awesome for a week and then get back to real life.

"Major champion. I think I'm done. I can't get any better than this."

For Watson, that means dealing with realities like finalizing adoption paperwork that prevented the baby from leaving the state of Florida, keeping mom and son at their Isleworth home near Orlando.

"She just sends me little pictures here and there of what he's doing," said Watson. "Yesterday she said my interview was good and she said, 'Your son really liked it and he was staring at the TV.""

The adoption process took four years and finished as Watson was finishing fourth at the Arnold Palmer Invitational at Bay Hill two weeks ago.

"Got turned down a couple times," he said. "Monday at Bay Hill we got turned down, which was heartbreaking, watching my wife. And then Tuesday, we got the great news.

"Tuesday of Bay Hill we got a call. Wednesday of Bay Hill we made the decision. And Monday after Bay Hill we were down in South Florida, picking up little Caleb.

"I can't wait to get back."

People are already looking forward to his Masters return in 2013, including Tiger Woods, who sent a congratulatory Twitter message.

"Congrats @bubbawatson. Fantastic creativity. Now how creative will the champions dinner be next year?" Woods said.

If it's like his "Bubba golf" style, expect something exciting for the Champions Dinner. And fun.

"I always attack," Watson said. "I don't like to go to the center of the greens. I want to hit the incredible shot. Who doesn't? That's why we play the game of golf, to pull off the amazing shot.